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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" After the investigation of the Gandikotta Project is completed, the Government will examine all aspects and we might consider even then, whether this project may not be considerably extended. When the Krishna-Pennar Project is pushed through, this project may have to wait, because it is pointed out, that in the case of the Krishna-Pennar Project, if the dam, that is proposed, is to be constructed, then the site of the Gandikotta Scheme will have to be shifted."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of taking up this project, even though the prospect of taking up the Krishna-Pennar Project may be there, and model it in such a way as to link it up with the Krishna-Pennar Project without waiting for that project to fructify?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Engineers advise that it cannot be so modelled as to be taken up first and suit it with the Krishna-Pennar Project."

Ayacut under the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal.

* 55 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government ordered an enquiry into the localization of ayacut under the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal;

(*b*) what the results of the enquiry are; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to take adequate and immediate steps to implement the results of the enquiry?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*).—The Special Officer who examined the case has sent his report and no results have yet been arrived at. The report is under consideration by the Government and after they arrive at a decision they will proceed to implement it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how long it will take for Government to arrive at a decision, because, I know, the officer was appointed three years back."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" But the report of the officer after examination by the Board of Revenue reached Government only in May 1948. It has raised several issues which have to be examined, as they affect a large number of ryots. Anyhow I can assure the hon. Member we shall come to a decision as early as possible."

Number of spies from Hyderabad detained in the Province.

* 56 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether any, and if so, how many persons have been arrested or detained (since May 1948, monthwar) on suspicion of being spies or agents of Hyderabad?

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" The number of persons arrested and detained in various districts on grounds of being spies or agents of Hyderabad is as follows :—

May 1948	9
June 1948	10
July 1948	26
August 1948 (up to 12th August 1948) ..	3
Total ..	48

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know what happened to these spies and agents of Hyderabad after the Police Action in Hyderabad."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I want notice as the file here does not contain any information."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it that most of those who were arrested on suspicion have been released or will be released as early as possible? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Notice."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" In view of the fact that several persons have been arrested only on suspicion and in view of the fact that the Hyderabad crisis is now over, will the Government release them now? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Such instructions as are necessary will be issued. If they are innocent, I am sure, the Government will release them. If they have not been already released, they will be released as early as possible."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Am I to take it that all persons arrested on suspicion have been released long ago? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I presume so."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I draw the attention of the Government to the fact that in Cuddapah and Kurnool districts there are a large number of people still held in detention on account of Police Action in Hyderabad and no guilt has been proved against them? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If they had been arrested on suspicion, I am sure, whatever representation they might have made would be considered by the Government, and their release would have been already ordered or would be ordered as early as possible."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will they not be brought to trial? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If charges are framed, surely they will be brought to trial."